

# IDAHO FALLS HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

March 7, 2013

12:00 p.m.

City Annex Building Conference Room  
680 Park Avenue

## Minutes

**Attending:** Loretta Evans, Roxane Mitro, Hersh Mynarcik, Christina Olson, Kim Smith, Julie Williams, Graham Whipple and Lynn Davies, an interested citizen. Renee Magee and Debra Petty, staff.

**Call to Order at 12:00 p.m.**

**Minutes: February 7, 2013. Mitro moved to approve the minutes of February 7, 2013, with corrections. Motion seconded by Mynarcik. Motion Passed.**

**Christina Olson:** Magee said Olson will be appointed to the commission at the March 14, 2013, council meeting. She is filling the vacancy left by Rose. The appointment ends December 31, 2013. Olson said she has undergraduate and graduate degrees in historic preservation and twelve years of experience in the field. She is employed by the INL.

**Orchids and Onions:** Williams said Shirley Chastain, Preservation Idaho board member, is soliciting assistance with preparations for the Orchids and Onions event. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2013, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Chastain plans to mail invitations and is requesting members to provide her as quickly as possible with names and addresses of individuals interested in preservation. Mitro will contact photographer Ron Parmann and ask if he is willing to photograph the event. Whipple will contact Chastain to finalize the locations for the tours and offer further assistance by the members. Chastain is invited to the next meeting to discuss final preparations.

Williams said Rose feels strongly the O. E. Bell building should be nominated for an Orchid Award. Mitro expressed opposition. Whipple said the nomination was declined last year and the deadline for nominations has passed. Preservation Idaho encourages resubmittal of the nomination in spite of the deadline. Whipple suggested including a cover letter with the nomination why O. E. Bell should be considered for this year. Williams will write the letter. Magee is preparing a nomination for the category "historic excellence."

**Reconnaissance Survey:** The plan for surveying Mid-Century Modern homes was sent to the State Historic Preservation Office. SHPO wants a form submitted for every property in the neighborhoods selected by the commission whether contributing or not. This level of recordation is necessary for neighborhoods. A report will be drafted from the windshield survey. The commission will tour the neighborhoods on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. to determine integrity. Olson will create a form for each member to complete and compare results at the next meeting.

**Miscellaneous:** Williams said the high school students researching the history of the numbered streets are very excited about their research and are making progress. She noted the request for a conditional use permit for a charter school in the former 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward building on 13<sup>th</sup> Street was withdrawn according to *The Post Register*. Whipple clarified it had not been withdrawn.

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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Debra Petty, Recording Secretary